

Media Release

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Governor's Office of Highway Safety Monies a Critical link to ongoing Traffic Safety efforts in Yavapai County

Yavapai County Sheriff Mascher wishes to thank the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for providing grant funds awarded over the October 2015 to September 2016 time period. These funds have had a direct impact in keeping Yavapai County roads safer for everyone. Although numerous special patrols have been scheduled thanks to this funding from GOHS, the Sheriff's Office wants to remind everyone that DUI enforcement is a year-around focus. YCSO joins all local law enforcement agencies in encouraging Yavapai County motorists to drink responsibly, drive smart, and drive sober at all times.

A breakdown of the funding received by the Sheriff's Office from GOHS is as follows:

STEP Enforcement (Special Traffic Enforcement Program) - \$8,000.00 – provides overtime monies for Speed Enforcement Details.

DUI Enforcement - \$30,000.00 – provides monies for DUI Enforcement Details. Since October 2015, YCSO deputies have handled 235 DUI related incidents including targeted enforcement operations.

DUI Equipment - \$11,000.00 – for the purchase of (2) In-Car Video Systems and (4) portable breath testing units, along with "You're in Charge" supplies involving an educational program focused on teen driver DUI prevention. Portions of this funding also allow the purchase of bicycle safety material. Supplies for this DUI / bicycle safety outreach include activity books, bookmarks, stickers, wrist bands and (30) bicycle helmets.

Accident Investigation Equipment - \$11,448.00 - Crash Data Retrieval System which allows recovery of critical information stored in a vehicle's computer -- Benefits of imaging vehicle crash data include obtaining pre-crash vehicle data, vehicle speed, seat belt status, throttle position, brake status, and ignition cycles among other data features. This critical data, if available, can provide significant assistance to investigators in determining cause and fault.

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www.ycsoaz.gov